

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally filed; to correct the recitations in claims 1, 6 and 7; and add claims 12-17 with varying dependencies corresponding to the previously filed claims.

The amendment to the specification corrects the translation of the priority document. Since the priority document was incorporated by reference, a person of ordinary skill in the art with a knowledge of German would have understood that the correct translation would be as amended herein. The changes to claims 1, 6 and 7 reflect this correction to the translation. Therefore, no "new matter" has been added by this Amendment.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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